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FM AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

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INFO AMEMBASSY PARIS

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SUBJECT: HANOI ACCEPTS AMBASSADOR FROM BELGIUM DESPITE NON-
RECOGNITION OF PRG

1. BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED JANUARY 8 THAT
GOVERNMENT OF NORTH VIETNAM HAD GRANTED AGREEMENT FOR ACCREDITATION
OF JACQUES GROOTHAERT, BELGIAN AMBASSADOR IN PEKING, TO HANOI.
GROOTHAERT IS EXPECTED TO PRESENT CREDENTIALS NEAR END OF JANUARY.
DESIGNATION OF NORTH VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR TO BELGIUM IS NOT YET
DEFINITE BUT IT APPEARS LIKELY THAT AMBASSADOR IN PARIS ALSO
WILL BE ACCREDITED HERE.

2. BRUSSELS AND HANOI AGREED IN PRINCIPLE MARCH 22, 1973 TO
EXCHANGE AMBASSADORS. NORTH VIETNAMESE, HOWEVER, DRAGGED FEET IN
IMPLEMENTING AGREEMENT AND HINTED TO BELGIANS THROUGH EMBASSY IN
PEKING LAST YEAR THAT ACCREDITATION WOULD BE APPROPRIATE QUID PRO
QUO FOR BELGIAN PERMISSION TO OPEN PRG OFFICE IN BRUSSELS
(BRUSSELS 4131 AND 5339). FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR FOR FAR
EAST (STEYAERT) ASSURED US JANUARY 8 THAT HANOI'S DECISION
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FINALLY TO GRANT AGREEMENT TO GROOTHAERT DID NOT

REFLECT ANY CHANGE IN BELGIAN STAND AGAINST RECOGNIZING
PRG OR ALLOWING PRG REPRESENTATION HERE. FIRESTONE

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